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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification and claim changes as noted below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 11, insert --an-- after "using".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 3, and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 5, line 1, cancel "1 or".

Claim 9, line 1, cancel "7 or".

Claims 11 and 12, both line 2, cancel "1 or".